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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, Applicants respectfully request that the above-identified application be amended as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 42 and 50.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.21, please substitute for claims 3, 4, 6 – 8, 10 – 13, 15, 16, 22, 24, 26, 27, 30, 34, 38, 40, 41, 43, and 47 – 49, the following rewritten version of the same claims. The changes are shown explicitly in the attached "Marked-up Version of Amended Claims."

3. (Once Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the construct further comprises the 5'LTR and/or the packaging signal.